

**Louisiana Office of Juvenile Justice
Disposition Matrix**



<i>Most Serious Presenting Offense</i>	Overall SAVRY Risk		
	Low	Moderate	High
Minor Misdemeanor offenses FINS offenses	Prevention/diversion Programs IAA or DDA Probation Supervision	IAA or DDA Probation Supervision	Probation Supervision
Moderate Violent misdemeanor offenses Non-violent felony grade offenses	Probation Supervision	Probation Supervision Non-secure placement	Probation Supervision Intensive Probation Supervision Non-secure placement FAST TRACK placement (After failed non-secure placements)
Major Violent felony grade offenses Multiple/Repeated violent misdemeanor offenses (>3 adjudications)	Probation Supervision	Probation Supervision Non-Secure Placement	Probation Supervision Intensive Probation Supervision Non-secure placement FAST TRACK Placement Secure Placement
Violent Felony grade offenses defined as Crimes of Violence (LA R.S. 14:2)	Probation Supervision Non-Secure Placement	Probation Supervision Non-Secure Placement	Probation Supervision Intensive Probation Supervision Non-Secure Placement Secure Placement

*The SAVRY Service Referral Matrix considers both the youth's risk level and need areas and outlines referrals to the most appropriate community services.

*Sex offender cases use the psychosexual evaluation to determine required level of care, supervision, and treatment.

Guidelines for Matrix Use

1. Staff shall begin recommendations with the least restrictive services within the particular recommendation range indicated that is conducive with meeting the needs of the youth and public safety.
2. If the youth has previously received and was unsuccessful in lower level sanctions, the youth may be staffed for consideration for appropriate services in the next higher service level. However, youth who are not violent offenders can only be considered for secure care level (Fast Track) after having a minimum of two (2) failed non-secure placements.
3. Youth who successfully completed a previous level of services shall be considered to receive services at an equal or lesser level of care, placement or supervision or an enhanced version of services.
4. Lack of community services to address a youth's needs shall not be a basis for placement in a residential program.
5. Under no circumstances shall staff recommend secure commitment for a youth who is identified as low-risk to reoffend.
6. The secure care level is reserved for the highest need, violent youth. It is not to be used as a consequence for lower level offenders.
7. Research has shown that mixing high risk youth with low risk youth in populations can actually increase the criminogenic behaviors of low risk youth. As a result, it is essential that the right services are matched for the right youth.

Definitions

Crimes of Violence as defined under LA RS 14:2- Crimes of Violence as defined under LA RS 14:2- "Crime of Violence" means an offense that has, as an element, the use, attempted use, or threatened use of physical force against the person, and that, by its very nature, involves a substantial risk that physical force against the person or property of another may be used in the course of committing the offense or an offense that involves the possession or use of a dangerous weapon. The following enumerated offenses and attempts to commit any of them are included as "crimes of violence":

Solicitation for murder; First degree murder; Second degree murder; Manslaughter; Aggravated battery; Second degree battery; Mingling harmful substances; Aggravated or first degree rape; Forcible or second degree rape; Simple or third degree rape; Sexual battery; Second degree sexual battery; Intentional exposure to AIDS virus; Aggravated kidnapping; Second degree kidnapping; Simple kidnapping; Aggravated arson; Aggravated criminal damage to property; Aggravated burglary; Armed Robbery; First degree robbery; Simple robbery; Purse snatching; Extortion; Assault by drive-by shooting; Aggravated crime against nature; Carjacking; Illegal use of weapons or dangerous instrumentalities; Terrorism; Aggravated second degree battery; Aggravated assault upon a peace officer with a firearm; Aggravated assault with a firearm; Second degree robbery; Disarming of a peace officer; Stalking;

Second degree cruelty to juveniles; Aggravated flight from an officer; Trafficking of children for sexual purposes; Human trafficking; Home invasion Domestic abuse aggravated assault; Vehicular homicide

Major Other Violent Felonies- Oral Sexual Battery, Negligent homicide; Possession of weapon on school grounds; Aggravated assault with a motor vehicle upon a peace officer; First degree vehicular negligent injuring; Manufacture and possession of a bomb; Cruelty to juveniles; Cruelty to persons with infirmities; Cruelty to Animals; Dogfighting
(Examples- including but not limited to)

Misdemeanor Violent Crimes- Aggravated assault; Battery of a police officer; Battery of a School Teacher; Battery of a correctional facility employee; Domestic Abuse Battery; Negligent Injuring
(Examples- including but not limited to)

Service Definitions

Non-secure placement- (OJJ contracted placements) - Therapeutic group homes, Non-therapeutic group homes, OJJ contract group homes

FAST TRACK- Short-term secure programming

Secure Placement- OJJ secure facilities